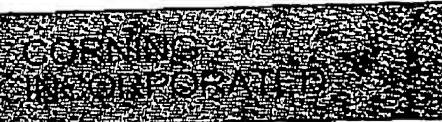


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Art Group Unit: 1765

Filing Date: July 29, 2003

Examiner: Felisa Carla Hiteshew

Title: SCATTER-FREE UV OPTICAL  
FLUORIDE CRYSTAL ELEMENTS  
FOR <200 nm LASER LITHOGRAPHY  
AND METHODS

## RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated February 11, 2005, designated as Paper No. 10629397 in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

Group I. Claims 1 - 8, are drawn to growing a scatter-free optical fluoride crystal, classified in class 423, subclass 328.2+; and

Group II. Claims 9 - 18, are drawn to a method of making a scatter-free below 200nm wavelength transmitting optical fluoride crystal, classified in class 117, subclass 81+.

The Examiner asserted that these inventions may be regarded as independent and distinct from one another because they are related as a process of making and a product made.

As such, Applicants respectfully elects without traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1 - 8; Applicants withdraw from consideration Group II, claims 9 - 18. However applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for these non-elected claims.